

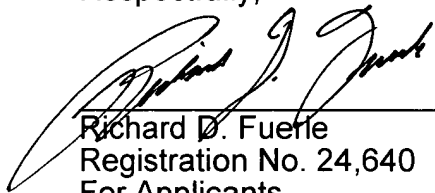
REMARKS

Claims 28 and 29 were objected to because "they are missing periods at the ends to the claims." Claims 27, 28, 29, and 37 have now been amended by adding periods at the ends.

Claims 21, 22, 26, 28, 29, 31, and 33 to 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner states that in Claims 21 and 34 "the variables are separated by commas and the values within each variable are also separated by commas." Claims 21 and 34 have now been amended so that the variables are separated by semicolons.

This amendment only corrects minor typographical errors in order that they need not be considered on appeal. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to enter this amendment.

Respectfully,



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